

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A telecommunications platform has a cluster of processors which collectively perform a platform processing function. Plural processors of the cluster have Internet Protocol (IP) capabilities and respective plural IP interfaces. The plural processors of the cluster all have a same IP address. An Internet Protocol (IP) handler distributed throughout the cluster renders the IP interfaces of the plural processors of the cluster exchangeable so that knowledge of which one of the plural processors of the cluster is hosting an IP software application being accessed is unnecessary when selecting one of the plural IP interfaces for connecting to the cluster.

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